

## Weekly Weather Crop Report

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 4.6 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending April 6, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting corn, land preparation for other crops and caring for livestock. Pastures are continuing to green-up and are showing good growth. Hay supplies were 8 percent short, 68 percent adequate and 24 percent surplus. Feed grain supplies were 3 percent short, 85 percent adequate and 12 percent surplus. Soil moisture conditions were rated 2 percent short, 67 percent adequate and 31 percent surplus.

| Progress In Percentages |          |           |           |      |          | Conditions in Percentages |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|------|----------|---------------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| Item                    | Event    | This Week | Last Week | 1996 | 5-Yr Avg | Very Poor                 | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Corn                    | Planted  | 58        | 30        | 45   | 39       | 0                         | 1    | 29   | 60   | 10        |
|                         | Emerged  | 22        | 13        | 22   | 18       |                           |      |      |      |           |
| Rice                    | Planted  | 12        | 0         | 1    | 7        | ---                       | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---       |
| Sorghum                 | Planted  | 10        | 0         | 5    | 8        | ---                       | ---  | ---  | ---  | ---       |
| Wheat                   | Jointing | 83        | 52        | 76   | 80       | 0                         | 4    | 29   | 53   | 14        |
|                         | Heading  | 20        | 1         | 2    | 9        |                           |      |      |      |           |
| Watermelons             | Planted  | 33        | 15        | 20   | 22       | 0                         | 1    | 29   | 67   | 3         |
| Cattle                  |          |           |           |      |          | 0                         | 5    | 22   | 49   | 24        |
| Pasture                 |          |           |           |      |          | 0                         | 4    | 23   | 51   | 22        |

### County Agent Comments

"Rain has brought an end to fieldwork. Farmers were able to get about all their corn planted and get most of their other acreage ready to plant."

— Don Respass, Bolivar County

"Corn finally started going in the ground this past week. Cotton farmers also moved quickly to get cotton ground prepared for planting. Rain over the weekend stopped all fieldwork."

— Ricky Ferguson, Pontotoc County

"Corn planting is in full swing with the drier weather. Pastures are continuing to show good growth. Most homeowners have begun their gardens. Nursery business has picked up with the warmer weather."

— Tim Needham, Tippah County

"Corn planting is way behind schedule due to excessive rain. With rain this past Friday and more in the forecast, it seems as though we will be behind schedule for a while. Ryegrass is looking good and it looks as though we will have a promising hay crop."

— Perry Brumfield, Lawrence County

"Ryegrass and wheat are in good condition and should have good yields. Heavy farm activities took place this past week. However, with the storm system that moved in Friday, Saturday and Sunday, it again shut down all farming activities. Beans, corn and watermelons are being planted. Blueberries have a good heavy crop."

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne County

"The dry week allowed farmers to get corn and melon plants in the ground. Pasture spraying for winter weeds was also in full swing. Cow and calf prices are also welcomed for those selling at this time."

— Perry Lee, Simpson County

"A large percentage of corn acreage was planted this past week due to ideal planting weather. Some cotton ground has been prepared."

— Fred W. Rose, Webster County

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# Weather Summary From March 31, 1997 to April 6, 1997 For Mississippi

| District/Station | Air Temperature |     |     |      |     | Precipitation |       |           |            | 4 Inch Soil Temperature |     |     | Ave Pan Evap |
|------------------|-----------------|-----|-----|------|-----|---------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|--------------|
|                  | Max             | Min | Ave | Norm | DFN | One Week      | DFN   | Rain Days | Four Weeks | Max                     | Min | Ave |              |
| 1. Upper Delta   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Clarksdale       | 82              | 39  | 62  | 59   | +3  | 2.53          | +1.43 | 3         | 4.94       | 71                      | 54  | 62  | 0.32         |
| Cleveland        | 78              | 43  | 63  |      |     | 1.42          |       | 2         | 4.29       |                         |     |     |              |
| Tunica           | 80              | 42  | 61  | 58   | +3  | 2.73          | +1.46 | 3         | 6.60       | 70                      | 57  | 63  |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 39  | 62  | 58   | +3  | 2.23          | +1.04 | 3         | 5.28       | 71                      | 54  | 63  | 0.32         |
| 2. North-Central |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Holly Springs    | 79              | 32  | 58  | 56   | +3  | 1.24          | -0.08 | 3         | 4.69       | 70                      | 51  | 60  |              |
| Memphis          | 80              | 41  | 61  | 58   | +2  | 3.70          | +2.49 | 2         | 8.48       |                         |     |     |              |
| Oxford           | 82              | 32  | 59  | 57   | +3  | 1.63          | +0.17 | 3         | 3.68       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 32  | 59  | 57   | +3  | 2.19          | +0.86 | 3         | 5.62       | 70                      | 51  | 60  |              |
| 3. Northeast     |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Booneville       | 74              | 37  | 56  | 58   | -2  | 1.44          | -0.18 | 2         | 3.01       |                         |     |     |              |
| Corinth          | 82              | 37  | 60  | 58   | +2  | 1.38          | -0.22 | 2         | 3.34       |                         |     |     |              |
| Iuka             | 86              | 30  | 57  |      |     | 0.97          |       | 1         | 2.78       |                         |     |     |              |
| Pontotoc         | 79              | 37  | 59  | 58   | +1  | 2.00          | +0.59 | 2         | 3.87       | 76                      | 53  | 63  | 0.21         |
| Tupelo           | 79              | 38  | 60  | 59   | +1  | 1.63          | +0.39 | 2         | 3.50       |                         |     |     |              |
| Verona           | 80              | 39  | 60  |      |     | 1.44          |       | 2         | 3.36       | 73                      | 51  | 61  | 0.19         |
| Extreme/Average  | 86              | 30  | 59  | 58   | +0  | 1.48          | +0.01 | 2         | 3.31       | 76                      | 51  | 62  | 0.20         |
| 4. Lower Delta   |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Belzoni          | 82              | 47  | 65  | 60   | +4  | 1.95          | +0.91 | 2         | 5.39       | 78                      | 62  | 67  |              |
| Greenwood        | 82              | 41  | 64  | 60   | +4  | 1.59          | +0.58 | 3         | 2.95       |                         |     |     |              |
| Rolling Fork     | 80              | 45  | 62  |      |     | 1.42          | +0.17 | 2         | 4.80       | 85                      | 64  | 73  | 0.17         |
| Stoneville       |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Yazoo City       | 81              | 47  | 65  | 61   | +4  | 1.26          | +0.13 | 2         | 4.52       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 41  | 64  | 61   | +3  | 1.56          | +0.45 | 2         | 4.42       | 85                      | 62  | 70  | 0.17         |
| 5. Central       |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Carthage         | 82              | 41  | 60  | 60   | +0  | 1.46          | +0.07 | 2         | 3.24       |                         |     |     |              |
| Jackson          | 79              | 46  | 63  | 61   | +1  | 1.45          | +0.19 | 3         | 3.13       |                         |     |     |              |
| Winona           |                 |     |     |      |     | 1.33          | +0.20 | 2         | 4.09       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 41  | 61  | 61   | +1  | 1.41          | +0.15 | 2         | 3.49       |                         |     |     |              |
| 6. East-Central  |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Brooksville      |                 |     |     |      |     | 0.93          | -0.66 | 1         | 2.37       |                         |     |     |              |
| Columbus         | 82              | 41  | 62  |      |     | 0.19          |       | 2         | 2.05       |                         |     |     |              |
| State University | 79              | 39  | 60  | 60   | +1  | 0.51          | -1.05 | 2         | 2.48       | 77                      | 55  | 64  |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 39  | 61  | 60   | +2  | 0.35          | -1.21 | 2         | 2.27       | 77                      | 55  | 64  |              |
| 7. Southwest     |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Crystal Springs  |                 |     |     |      |     | 2.45          |       | 2         | 5.83       |                         |     |     |              |
| Natchez          | 78              | 44  | 64  | 64   | -0  | 1.33          | -0.15 | 2         | 7.39       |                         |     |     |              |
| Oakley           | 80              | 44  | 62  |      |     | 1.80          | +0.56 | 2         | 4.01       | 80                      | 58  | 68  |              |
| Vicksburg        | 78              | 53  | 66  |      |     | 1.88          |       | 2         | 4.71       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 80              | 44  | 64  | 64   | -0  | 1.87          | +0.51 | 2         | 5.49       | 80                      | 58  | 68  |              |
| 8. South-Central |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Columbia         | 80              | 47  | 66  | 63   | +3  | 1.77          | +0.37 | 3         | 8.08       |                         |     |     |              |
| McComb           | 80              | 47  | 63  | 62   | +1  | 0.81          | -0.61 | 2         | 4.61       |                         |     |     |              |
| Extreme/Average  | 80              | 47  | 64  | 63   | +2  | 1.29          | -0.12 | 3         | 6.35       |                         |     |     |              |
| 9. Southeast     |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Beaumont         | 82              | 43  | 64  |      |     | 1.60          |       | 3         | 4.03       | 79                      | 59  | 69  |              |
| Hattiesburg      | 81              | 47  | 65  | 63   | +3  | 2.60          | +1.29 | 3         | 4.64       |                         |     |     |              |
| Laurel           |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Meridian         | 79              | 43  | 63  | 61   | +3  | 1.55          | -0.02 | 3         | 4.36       |                         |     |     |              |
| Newton           | 82              | 43  | 63  | 60   | +3  | 2.95          | +1.22 | 4         | 5.85       | 75                      | 48  | 63  | 0.16         |
| Extreme/Average  | 82              | 43  | 64  | 61   | +3  | 2.18          | +0.64 | 3         | 4.72       | 79                      | 48  | 66  | 0.16         |
| 10. Coastal      |                 |     |     |      |     |               |       |           |            |                         |     |     |              |
| Bay St Louis     | 83              | 46  | 65  |      |     | 0.65          |       | 2         | 4.24       |                         |     |     |              |
| Biloxi           | 79              | 50  | 66  |      |     | 0.14          |       | 3         | 5.53       |                         |     |     |              |
| Gulfport         | 79              | 51  | 66  | 65   | +2  | 0.48          | -0.59 | 4         | 4.22       |                         |     |     |              |
| Pascagoula       | 80              | 44  | 64  | 65   | -1  | 0.26          | -0.82 | 2         | 7.21       |                         |     |     |              |
| Poplarville      | 80              | 47  | 64  | 64   | +0  | 2.10          | +0.74 | 3         | 5.44       | 83                      | 78  | 80  | 0.19         |
| Extreme/Average  | 83              | 44  | 65  | 64   | +1  | 0.73          | -0.44 | 3         | 5.33       | 83                      | 78  | 80  | 0.19         |
| State            | 86              | 30  | 62  | 61   | +2  | 1.53          | +0.19 | 3         | 4.63       | 85                      | 48  | 67  | 0.20         |

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